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## This week's update

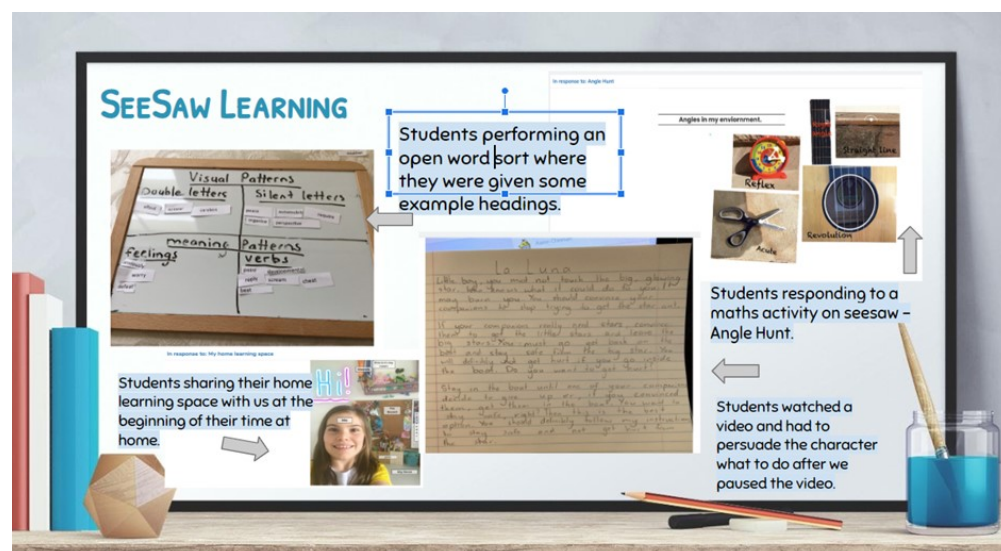
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are already half way through Term 2!

The first week back of face to face teaching went well. We had a wonderful week of learning. I am pleased to share that each teacher has been provided with extra time to support small groups of students in their learning. All students will benefit from some smaller group instruction. Some learning concepts were more difficult to deliver online so this small group instruction will ensure explicit and systematic teaching.

### Seesaw

Seesaw has been an excellent platform for online learning. As we transition back to face to face learning we ask that students only use Seesaw at school 9am – 3pm. Teachers will continue to share your child's learning via Seesaw.



## Communication

If you would like to make contact with your child's teacher there is currently two ways:

Email [thornleigw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:thornleigw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Call the front office on 9484 4242

Teachers will endeavour to make contact within 24 – 48 hours. Thank you for following this protocol.

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### **Awards**

Students will be receiving their Bronze, Silver and Gold badges via our virtual assembly every fortnight. It is great we can continue recognising students in a timely manner. Bronze and Silver certificates are handed out by the classroom teacher.

### **How to pick the best books for your child**



When your child is in primary school they will be encouraged to read books at home. Here are some top tips for picking the right reading books for your child.

#### **Let your child choose**

Our school library has lots of books for children of all ages. We let the children browse the bookshelves and choose the books that interest them. If we let children choose the books they want to read, we are helping them develop a sense of independence and responsibility that will boost their confidence. They are also more likely to want to read a book they choose for themselves, than one that is chosen for them. If children are finding this tricky Mrs Robinson and Mrs Hoffman will help them in the right direction.

#### **Too many tricky words?**

Try this quick test to see whether a book is too difficult for your child. Flick through the book and pick a random page. If you see five or more words on the page that you think your child might struggle with, they are probably not ready for that book yet. Help them to pick another one.

#### **Stay with them while they read**

Encourage your child to read out loud with you nearby, to help them work out tricky words.

#### **Talk about it**

Talk with your child about the books they read. Ask your child what they thought about what happened in the story, which parts they liked best, what was exciting, funny or sad. Talk about the meaning of the story and different words. Ask them if they found the book easy to read or difficult, so you can help them to choose books that are at the right level for them next time.

## Buddy Bench

TWPS Buddy Bench is up and running! Thank you Ms Dowd and Year 5 students who are trained to support students who are finding the playground hard to navigate. The Buddy Bench is a lovely place to sit when children need help finding a friend or an activity to engage in.



Have a great week

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chantal Mamo'.

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

## Library News

Many students are finishing their Premiers Reading Challenge records which is great to see. The challenge finishes in August. All K-2 complete the challenge through library lessons I complete records on their behalf. Year 3-6 independently complete records.

### New books

Using the Seesaw app once a fortnight there will be new books being reviewed by the Teacher Librarians and monitors and shared on Seesaw. This will be the safest secure platform for students to see **What's Hot** and **New** in the world of books besides in library lessons.

Happy Reading

Ms Hoffman

## Canteen News

A reminder that the canteen reopened today with a reduced menu. Orders are to be placed via Flexischools only, there will be no over the counter sales at recess or lunch.



## Early Stage 1 Learning from home

It is just wonderful to have our students back with us onsite every day. The joyful approach to learning the little ones bring to school is always a delight and a motivation for young and old!

We would like to celebrate the successes the children had while learning from home and to thank the parents for their patience and perseverance while working with their children.

Thank  
you!

## This is some of our learning -

Dr Seuss week of rhyming

*We had zalloons in balloons*

*willows on pillows*

*yogs on dogs*

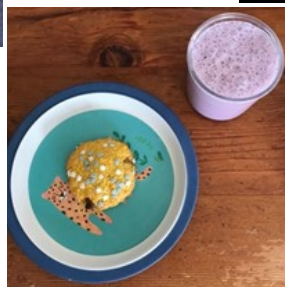
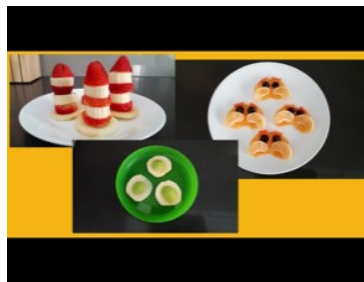
*pandles on handles*

*and*

*mupboards in cupboards.*



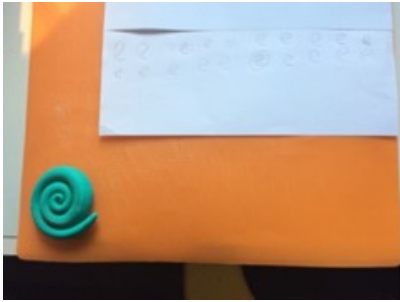
We made Dr Seuss food and sat in our cubbies to listen to the teachers' silly readings of Dr Seuss books.



We learned how to put in lots of detail to our pictures to enable us to write more interesting stories.



Our hands are now strong from our fine motor work. We made play-doh and used it for everything! Maths, hand strengthening, letter and number formation...Have you got any idea how much salt is in play-doh. Don't eat it, it's yuk!



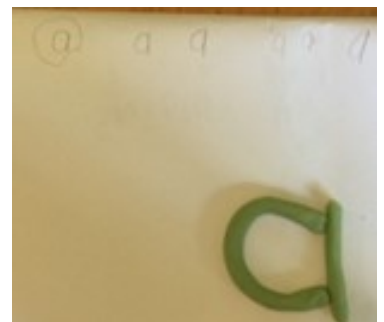
Our artwork was beautiful. Inspired by the lovely autumn leaves we have in our gardens, we investigated the texture that can be seen in leaves and made pictures with them.



We collaged our face with things from the garden.



We constructed letters and practised the really hard letters of the alphabet. Even our parents can write better now!





We made toys that moved with a push or pull, we participated in fitness challenges, we explored 2D shapes, straight and curved lines, we made fabulous musical instruments, we learned about the meaning and history of everyone's names and found out about important old objects that are part of our family heritage. Most importantly we listened to heaps and heaps of stories. We did so much learning we think we are ready for a holiday!!

Thanks for looking at our work

2020 Kindergarten children

